

St. Vincent De Paul Church

109 East Price Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144-2145 ♦ 215-438-2925
www.facebook.com/StVincentDePaulCatholicCommunity ♦ www.saint-vincent-church.org

Mission Statement

St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School

44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

Parish Staff

♦ **Sylvester Peterka, C.M.**

Pastor, Ext. #218

♦ **Joseph Cummings, C.M.**

Parochial Vicar, Ext #220

♦ **Valerie Lee-Jeter**

♦ **Darin P. Williams**

Ministers of Music

♦ **JoAnn O'Connor**

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215-438-1514

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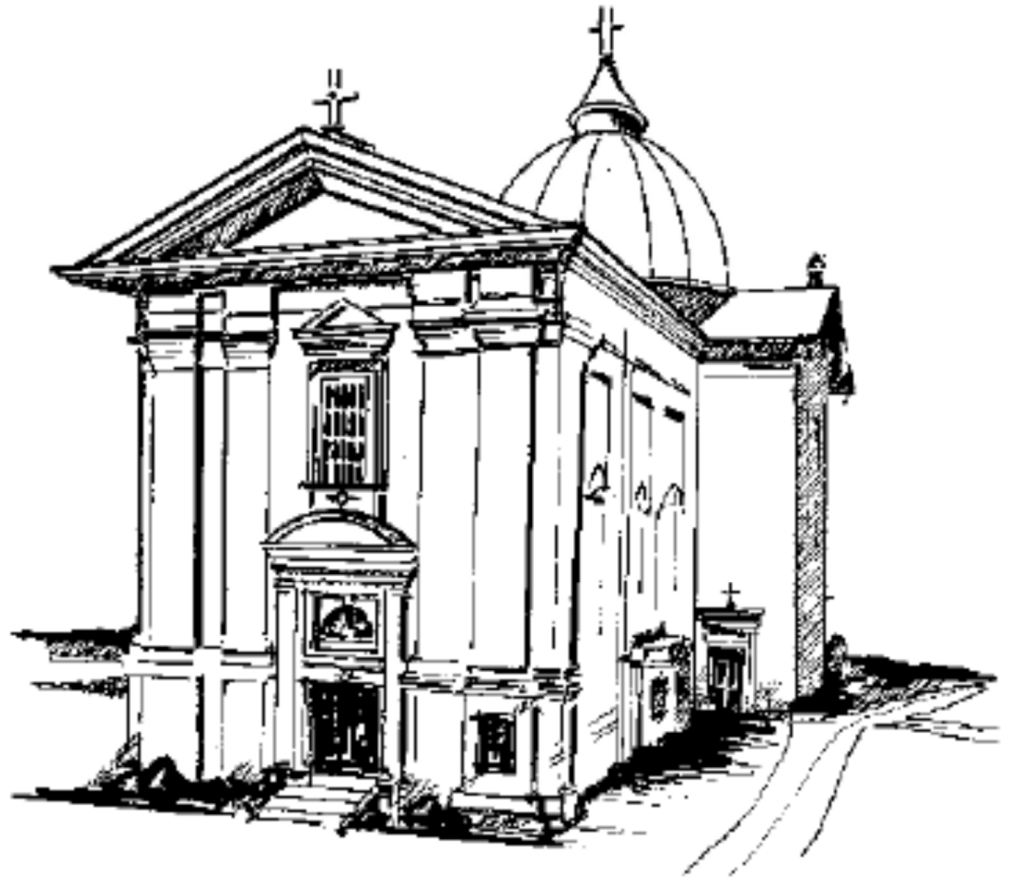
Directors of Religious Education

♦ **Dan Kraning & Katie Crump**

Directors of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Timothy Lyons, C.M. & Laura Ford

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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	09/11	Marianne Buczek Szucs	9:00 am
		Joseph Mastronardo	11:00 am
MON	09/12	NO MASS	
TUE	09/13	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
WED	09/14	Joan Bretschneider	7:00 am
THU	09/15	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
FRI	09/16	Miraculous Medal	7:00 am
SAT	09/17	Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN	Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary	Time
SAT	Sacrament of Penance	3-3:30 pm

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Muriel Ancrum, Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, Katherine Elliott, Tom Weir, Anoah Curtis, Myles McDonald, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Ruby Tyer, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Betsy Moore, Vince Morgan, Gerry Widmann, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Darryl Carroll, Helen Rosales, Natalie Gianetti, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, William Horoschak.

Friends of St. Vincent's

Maryann Hunsicker, Steven David Aslow, Mary Fazzini DeCanelo, Laura Alfonse, Nancy Tooker, C'Aron & Wynter Marie Hamilton, Tim McCabe, Harrison Harper, Claude Harper, Jaedon Anthony Horton, Arturo Magana Herrera, Lisa Kineke, John Brennan, Ashley Kiker, The Carey Family, Monique & Joseph Phillips, Dan Wuenschel, Ashley Margetech, Johnny Hilferty, Diane McCabe, Judy Spearmint, Millie Kribel, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Heimlich, Connie Bronson, Joseph Simmons, Amy Natkins, Terri Jackson, Mary Sarabocca, Alice Penderghast, Samuel Gonzalez, Mary Elizabeth Unterfofler, Ana Esquilin Santos, Mainsford Family, Rayan Bousso, Richard Lipton, Palmina Rucker, Martha King Cox, Anna Satchell, Steve Damville, Jessica Jara, Joe Hagan, Ned Dugery, Fred Ludwig, Marie Anderson, Vincent Owens, Jim Leonard, Ashley Sullivan, Barbara Rothenbach, Diane Harris, Gerrie Breslin.

Our Sister Parish of Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador. Those who fight in wars, those who are victims of war, and those who seek peace and justice.

PASTORAL CARE

We will bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly because of sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory, at 215-438-2925.

Last Week's Collection	3,867.09
Electronic	<u>2,972.00</u>
Total	6,839.09
Tithe	341.95

Today's Readings

First Reading:	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm:	Psalm 51
Second Reading:	I Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel:	Luke 15:1-32

Readings for Next Week

First Reading:	Amos 8:4-7
Psalm:	Psalm 113
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel:	Luke 16:1-13

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

BAPTISM OF OUR CHILDREN

Call Fr. Sy Peterka, Pastor, at 215-438-2925, ext. 218, for available dates and additional information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in exploring whether the Catholic Church is where you want to begin or continue your Christian faith journey, please contact the Rectory at 215-438-2925.

THOSE IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS

Please contact Fr. Sy Peterka, at 215-438-2925 ext.218, to make arrangements.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more of our Parish ministries, call the Church office, at 215-438-2925.

PARISH OUTREACH

Non-perishable food donations may be made Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9am and Noon. To make an appointment for any other time, please call Evelyn Rogers at 215-438-1514.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS

Please call the Church office, 215-438-2925.

RACIAL HEALING STATEMENT

To foster a community in which people of all races and cultures are treated as equals and fully participate in the life of the church. We hope to achieve this by... Deepening Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural relationships; Developing each person's gifts for Leadership & Ministry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - September 11-17, 2016

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

All children ages 4-13 are welcome to attend when we resume on **September 11** with our leaders, Grace and Corbin.

LECTORS

Please Sign up for Fall! Sign-up sheet is in the Liturgy Prep room in the back of church, to the right of the main entrance. Thank you for making God's Word come alive in our Masses!

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the rectory.

SENIORS MINISTRY

We will gather each Wednesday from 11am-2pm in the Senior Center located behind the church.

HOSPITALITY

All are welcome to enjoy hospitality on the Rectory porch between the Sunday Masses. You are also welcome to host; just sign up on the posted list by the side door entrance. Everything is supplied. Hosts serve cookies and other snack items and prepare lemonade. All supplies are kept in the cabinets in the small room, just off of the rectory kitchen. There is no cost to the community for summer hospitality. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jack DiFeo 215 887-7911.

PREPARE TO CELEBRATE FEAST OF ST VINCENT

On **September 25**, we will honor the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul at **ONE MASS at 10am** followed by a celebration. In the weeks leading up to this day, all are invited to reflect on the five virtues of St. Vincent: Simplicity, Humility, Gentleness, Mortification, Zeal - how they have been present in our community, how they have impacted our lives, how we might envision their prominence in our future.

Liturgy Council is looking for 5-15 people to share a brief reflection on ONE of the five virtues of Vincent, how you have seen a specific virtue in another community member or how you see the need for one of the virtues and call upon us to live this virtue in the name of Vincent. Please help us make these virtues real and vibrant. If you are willing to share a brief reflection (100 words), please see or contact Valerie Lee Jeter 215-327-1035 liturgy@saint-vincent-church.org Joanie Brooks 267-825-6989 jmblapaz@yahoo.com Thank you.

REVIVAL!

Catch the spirit with Bishop Ferdi Cheri at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul on **Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, September 27 from 7-8:30**. Sign up to ride the bus from St. Vincent's on those dates is at the back of the church.

DRAMATIC PORTRAIT OF DOROTHY DAY

An inspiring one-woman show is coming to Olivet Covenant Church (608 N. 22nd Avenue, Philadelphia 19130) on **Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 PM**. *Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day* is a dramatic portrait of one of the most outspoken and influential Catholics of the 20th century incorporating the wit and prophetic grit of Dorothy's own words about war, peace, American society, and protest in the Spirit of Jesus. Tickets are \$20 (senior and student discount available). For information: www.beaconheatreproductions.org 267-415-6882

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

To honor the feast day of our dear St. Vincent, an art exhibit of creative work by you, the parishioners of St. Vincent's, Germantown, will be displayed throughout the church the weekend of September 24/25. The exhibit is entitled *Our Creative Community: The Art of St. Vincent's, Germantown*.

You are invited to submit up to two original works of art. Please have them either matted or framed and ready for display. You may bring them to your regular weekend mass and leave them in the rectory dining room. Please tape an information tag onto the back of your entries. Tags may be found on the mantle of the dining room. Three dimensional work is welcome; however, display space is limited, so please take this into consideration. If your works are for sale, a price sheet will accompany the exhibit. All entries must be in **by September 18th**, which is the Sunday before the exhibit. Artists of all ages are welcome. If you have questions, you may see anyone on the committee: Julie Kring, Mary Anne Campellone, Diane Zeig or Lynne Horoschak.

POWER UPDATE

(Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower & Rebuild)
www.powerinterfaith.org

Our Day in Court: Stand with Children at Sept 13 City Hall hearing! In 2013, 5 school districts, 7 parents, the NAACP and others sued the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for failing to provide our children with the "thorough and efficient" education required by our state constitution. The hearing will take place on Tuesday morning **September 13** in City Hall. Stay tuned for exact time and room number. Plan to come early (with photo ID) to show your support for students across Pennsylvania! Can't come but want to get involved with this campaign? Watch for the next St Vincent's POWER meeting or contact POWER Education Task Force member Mary Laver 610-324-9388.

Non-Partisan Voter Registration: Let's do this!

POWER is also a lead-organization on Economic Dignity (higher wages) and Criminal Justice reform (including "stop & frisk"). Since social change requires broad public pressure, POWER congregations do non-partisan voter engagement every election season, especially in historically under-represented neighborhoods. Be sure to register by Oct 11 and vote on Nov 8! It's important for us as Catholics to encourage everyone to participate in elections, especially those who may feel their voices don't matter. We are all made in God's image! St Vincent's and many other POWER congregations are committed to doing non-partisan voter engagement this election season: Registration (by Oct 11) and "Get Out the Vote" (election day: Nov 8). Volunteers needed; sign up on the clipboard in church:

***Every Sat from Sept 3 to Nov 5: 12 to 4 PM** Neighborhood canvassing (meet at rectory,)

***Every Sat & Sun after each Mass from Sept 3 to Nov 6:**
Voter information table in church

BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

This national event will take place **October 6-9**. Applications and flyers are at the back of the church. Some scholarship money is available. Call 317-259-0144 for more information.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
Registration Form

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date _____ Envelope number _____

Name _____

last

first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

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Have you received the Sacraments?

() Baptism () Confirmation () First Communion

Are you interested in

() Liturgical Ministry () Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

**Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket
or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, call Kitty at 215-438-2925x229

Date_____ Envelope Number_____
Electronic Type: New____ Change____

Name_____ last first

Address_____

City_____ State__ Zip_____

Telephone #_____

Cell #_____

Email_____

Date of 1st Donation_____

Amount of Donation_____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**)_____

Bank Routing Number_____

Account Number_____

Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**
Authorized signature and Date:

Petitions for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10-11, 2016

Destroy our idols, Lord. In your mercy convert our infidelity into greater loving service to our world. May our parish ministries and our personal ministries be continually purified in motive in order to give you all the glory.

. . .

In this 9-11 world of fear and animosity, teach us reconciliation and peace. Show us the way, Lord, out of violence. We pray particularly for those who are fleeing violence in Syria and Central America. May we receive them with tender care into our communities. . . .

We lift up our leaders of government that God will inspire their minds and embolden their hearts to seek justice for the oppressed, relief for the suffering, and opportunities for the hopeless. . . .

May your Spirit be an interface for us with the hearts of others so that we will see our neighbor not just as a nameless face but as a reflection of your presence and an invitation to love. . . .

For all who died in 9-11 and other violent attacks and for those who mourn them: that God will shepherd them into life and be a compassionate presence to those who are grieving. . . .

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CALLING ALL OUR SENIORS

The Senior's Ministry will start back on Wednesday September 21st. Seniors meet in the Hospitality Room from 11 Am-2PM for Fellowship, Fun & Food. Please come and join.

ANIMAL BLESSING & MASS

Bring your little or big critters to Saturday 4 PM Mass on Saturday October 1st. We will have special Blessing for the animals and treats for them.

Meetings this week :

Monday the 12th ROOFING COMMITTEE 7 PM

Wednesday 14th CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thursday 15th PASTORAL COUNCIL 7 PM

Saturday 17th EVANGELIZATION 11AM-2 PM

Saturday at 10 AM there will be a memorial mass for MARY GRZYWINSKI'S Father-in-law

9/11/16

Good morning church! My name is Mairin McDonnell, and I'm a freshman at Abington Jr. High School. I am honored to speak to you today about the Vincentian virtue, meekness.

The book definition of meekness states that "it is an attribute of human nature and behavior. It has been defined several ways: righteous, humble, teachable, and patient under suffering"

As a Christian, meekness is an attribute of a true disciple. The Apostle Paul, gave us an example of meek behavior when he was writing to Timothy. "The servant of the Lord must be gentle, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose" ~~6 Timothy Chapter 2 vs 24-25~~

The third Beatitude is called "Blessed ^{are} the meek, for they will inherit the Earth."

As a 9th grader, who lives in suburban Philadelphia in ²⁰¹⁶, I find this hard to wrap my head around. We live in a time of constant bombardment of social media. Everyone in this day and age is on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Sharing bits and pieces of their daily lives. In doing so, it is very easy for us all to inflate our own self estimation, and get caught up in presenting ourselves to the world the way we want to be seen.

~~2016~~

To be meek is to accept our strengths and limitations for what they truly are, instead of constantly trying to portray ourselves in the best possible light. I believe that Jesus had a servant's heart. He performed miracles all over town, but never inflated his self image.

~~He was a~~ He did not deny his ability to perform miracles, he used his powers for the benefit of all people. ~~Jesus, did not need a~~

Jesus and Lazarus didn't take a selfie and post it on Instagram, after he was raised from the dead. #raisemup

~~Having~~ Possessing a servant's heart, just like Jesus is the second aspect of meekness. We, as Christians can exercise our own power, for the benefit of all people, not just ourselves. As we gather in this church on this, the 15th anniversary ~~of the terrorist attacks~~ of September 11th, 2001, let us be reminded how ~~we~~ ^{Americans} came together in a time of devastating sorrow.

I, have never lived in a world where there was no "September 11th." My mom was home on bed-rest while she was carrying me, and watching the horror of that day unfold on live television. I know that both my parents wondered what kind of world they were bringing children into. ~~I am~~ ^{I am} a teenager in this world, where we hear about terrorism and violence on a daily basis, where one tragedy

is more unspeakable than the next.

It is easy to wonder, "how does God play into all of this?"

I am thankful that I am a child of God, and I trust that all things come to us, through him, and for a great purpose. We may not know what it is yet, but God has graced us all with special talents, so that we can make the world a better place.

Psalm 37 begins with "Do not fret because of the wicked," and ends with, "The meek shall inherit the land." I think this means, we do not seek to avenge the wrongs done against us, and instead use whatever power we have to serve others.

From the sorrows of our hearts, ~~and~~^{and} all that was lost that day, we all walk closer with the Lord. If we are on this walk with Jesus, can we really feel vengeful over the sins of others?

Let us strive to be meek, so that we can focus our energies on what is truly important: family, love, hope, and faith.

St. Vincent De Paul Parish Capital Campaign

“Welcoming all to Raise the Roof”

PACESETTERS PHASE RECEPTION

St. Vincent De Paul Parish's Capital Campaign, 'Welcoming All to Raise the Roof' will formally kick off in October with a celebration for all parishioners, of all ages! We have many volunteers active on various committees now and many dates are planned in the coming weeks to invite more volunteers to join the campaign.

As part of our preparations, there will be a reception on Saturday, September 24 from 6:00-7:30 PM on the grounds behind the Rectory for parishioners who may be in a position to help ignite the campaign by making an early commitment at a pacesetting level. We hope that all will consider this opportunity to help launch the campaign and inspire all of us to greater heights. If you are interested in joining us, please call the Rectory.

The next phase of the Campaign will get underway shortly thereafter, with receptions held here at the Parish. Dates for these receptions will be announced later. Please pray daily for the success of our campaign, and the good work of the people of St. Vincent De Paul Parish.

TOGETHER WE VOTE

Saint Vincent's POWER team is looking for new voters. Here at Saint Vincent's we are looking for

100 newly registered Saint Vincent voters in 4 weeks

If every registered voter at Saint Vincent's registers ONE voter we can meet this goal. How can you help by the October 10 deadline? Register yourself. Then register one other person. Or bring your registration up-to-date and do the same for a friend. You need to register if you want to vote on November 8 if

- You have not voted in five years
- You have moved since you last voted
- You have never registered to vote in Pennsylvania
- You will be 18 years old before November 8, 2016

Hand in the registrations at church so we can count your work towards our goal.

Actually 100 new voters from Saint Vincent's is not the biggest challenge. Saint Vincent's POWER team has promised to submit before October 10

400 new voter registrations from all over the city

One hundred volunteers get four new registrations each. Four volunteers get one hundred registrations each. That's how easy and hard it is to get to 400. You can help.

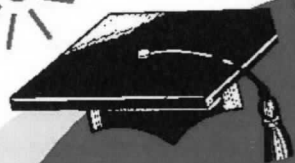
■ Give POWER volunteers an opportunity to reach voters. We want to reach teenagers – are you a parent at a high school? We want to canvass neighborhoods. Do you know a business or organization that supports voter empowerment? Do you have a new idea where we can meet potential voters? Talk to POWER volunteers in church or call Sheila Oliver (215) 680-4996

■ Come out and meet voters where they are as a POWER volunteer. We're organizing voter outreach all over Germantown and beyond for the next month. Sign up and we will find a place and a time that works for you.

500? In 4 weeks? Let's go!

2016 Annual

College, Vocational & Labor Fair



**Saturday,
September 17, 2016**

11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church
Family Life Center**

2800 W. Cheltenham Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19150

(Entrance is on Pickering Street)



Join Us To:

- Speak directly with college admissions officers
- Learn how to access and enroll in local apprenticeship programs
- Get connected to various vocational education programs

**Learn how to
pay for college
hosted by PHEAA
at 11:30 a.m.
& 12:30 p.m.**

**New schools
confirmed daily**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Frederic Ozanam

In the hope of obtaining
a miracle through his
intercession

Lord, You made Blessed Frederic Ozanam a witness of the Gospel, full of wonder at the mystery of the Church.

You inspired him to alleviate poverty and injustice and endowed him with untiring generosity in the service of all who were suffering.

In family life, he revealed a most genuine love as a son, brother, husband and father. In secular life, his ardent passion for the truth enlightened his thought, writing and teaching.

His vision for our society was a network of charity encircling the world and he instilled St. Vincent de Paul's spirit of love, boldness and humility. His prophetic social vision appears in every aspect of his short life, together with the radiance of his virtues.

We thank you Lord, for those many gifts and we ask, if it is your will, the grace of a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

May the Church proclaim his holiness, as a saint, a providential light for today's world! We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The DePaul Catholic School

DePaul Catholic School will begin this school year on September 6th with nearly 450 students in grades PreK-8th grade – our LARGEST student body since St. Vincent, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Madeline Sophie merged in 1986!

This year we hope to provide supplies to sustain our classrooms throughout the school year. Please drop off supplies in box in church vestibule by September 25th. Thank you for partnering with us!

- Dry erase markers, assorted colors
- Dry erase board erasers
- Sharpie markers, assorted colors
- Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Erasers (for the pencil end)
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Single pencil sharpeners
- Color copy paper
- 3 ring hole punch
- Staplers and staples
- Tape dispensers and tape
- Clipboards
- Index cards
- Pocket folders, assorted colors or a box of red
- Calculators: basic and scientific
- Disinfecting wipes
- Tissues
- Band-aids
- Hand sanitizer
- Board games, various ages (for indoor recess)
- Gift cards to Michaels, Target and Amazon in small quantities to be given to teachers for additional classroom supplies
- Gym supplies: Rubber balls, assorted sizes, basketballs, hula hoops, ring toss, bean bags, nylon pinnies

For regular updates and happenings at DePaul, please visit our website www.depaulphila.org follow us on Facebook or email Kelly Bielby to receive our e-newsletters at kbielby@thedepaulcatholicschool.org



2016 National Black Catholic Men's Conference

2016 Scheduled Events

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Thursday, October 6, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
5:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m. - 12 noon
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 8, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - noon
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 12 noon
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
4:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Registration
Depart Hotel for St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Men Rally & Gospel Celebration
Light Refreshments at St. Martin de Porres
Return to Doubletree Hotel

Registration
Breakfast (on your own)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Morning Mass
Keynote
Health Fair
Break
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Lunch (on your own)
Workshops
Break
Workshops
Black Rappin' Session
Dinner (on your own)
Reconciliation
"Spiritual Café"
Eucharistic Adoration

Registration
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Breakfast (on your own)
Morning Mass
Keynote
Health Fair
Workshops
Break
Lunch (provided)
Harambee Town Hall (Adult)
"Code Red" (Youth)
Depart for St. Cyprian Catholic Church
Mass
Reception
Return to Doubletree Hotel

Healing & Commissioning Service

Doubletree by Hilton Philadelphia Airport
4509 Island Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19153

Reservations: (215) 365-4150 ext. 33 or 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667)
(ask for National Black Catholic Men's Conference 2016 Rate)

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In the weeks leading up to our celebration of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul on September 25th, all are invited to reflect on the five virtues of St. Vincent - how they have been present in our community, how they have impacted our lives, how we might envision their prominence in our future.

As a way to prepare for this feast, Liturgy Council is looking for 5-15 people who would like to share a brief reflection on ONE of the five virtues of Vincent with our community. You may want to share how you have seen a specific virtue in another community member. You may see the need for one of the virtues and call upon us to live this virtue in the name of Vincent. Please consider helping all of us to make real and vibrant these virtues held most dear to our beloved Vincent.

If you are willing to share a brief reflection (100 words), please see or contact Valerie Lee Jeter (215-327-1035 or liturgy@saint-vincent-church.org) or Joanie Brooks (267-825-6989 or jmblapaz@yahoo.com). The virtues are listed below and on the back of this page, and much more is available online. Thank you, in advance, for responding to this call.

The Five Vincentian Virtues



Simplicity

This is the virtue St. Vincent loved most. "It is my gospel," he says. Listen to how St. Vincent describes simplicity: "Jesus, the Lord, expects us to have the simplicity of a dove. This means giving a straightforward opinion about things in the way we honestly see them, without needless reservations. It also means doing things without any double-dealing or manipulation, our intention being focused solely on God. Each of us, then, should take care to behave always in this spirit of simplicity, remembering that God likes to deal with the simple, and that he conceals the secrets of heaven from the wise and prudent of this world and reveals them to little ones.

But while Christ recommends the simplicity of a dove he tells us to have the prudence of a serpent as well. What he means is that we should speak and behave with discretion. We ought, therefore, to keep quiet about matters which should not be made known, especially if they are unsuitable or unlawful ... In actual practice this virtue is about choosing the right way to do things." (CR 11, 4-5.

Humility

Jesus said "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Humility is basic to gospel spirituality. The kingdom of God belongs to the poor in spirit. God resists the proud; he raises up the humble. We must stand before God humbly in our daily prayer, and have the attitude of a servant.

Meekness

Jesus says that the meek shall be happy. St. Vincent believed this word of the Lord and won the hearts of the poor because his meekness developed as warmth, approachability, openness, deep respect for the person of others. Although he tells us that he was irritable by nature, he asked God to change his heart: "Grant me a kindly and benign spirit..." (see Abelly, U. 111, 177-178.)

Mortification

Jesus calls us to follow him even unto death. He asks us to die to sin daily. St. Vincent knew these gospel imperatives very well. We must be faithful to our duties of serving the poor, and prefer them when they conflict with other more pleasurable things.

Zeal

Vincent loved, with a burning love. "Let us beg God to enkindle in our hearts a desire to serve him..." (SV XI, 75.) We must labor long as servants of the poor— while remembering that although the Lord asks us to cooperate in his work, it still remains *His* work. So we must strive to live a balanced life, so that we might have the energy that nourishes zeal.

<http://vinformation.famvin.org/vincentian-spirituality/virtues-and-charism/>

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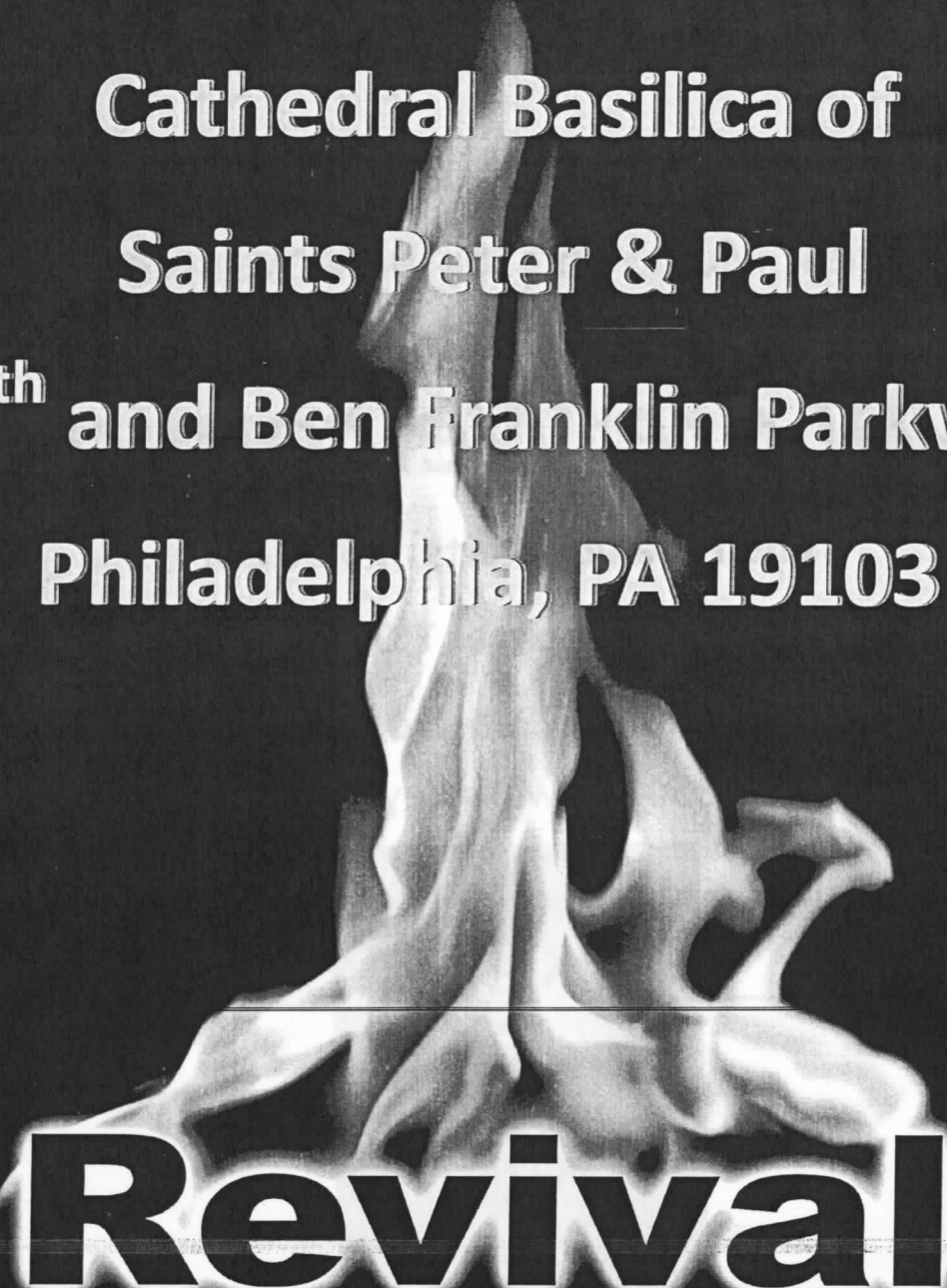
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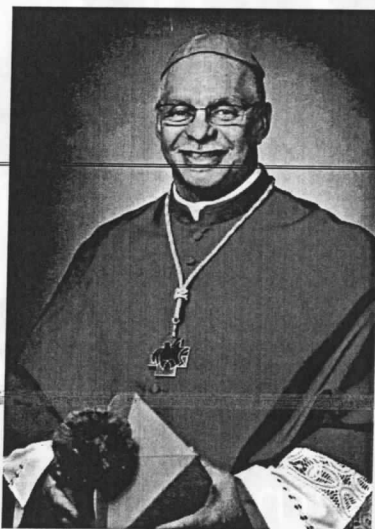
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In Madagascar, the Vincentian priests and brothers are hoping to set up a program that helps children with disabilities. Many of these children are orphans, because their families see no hope for them, so they abandon them. This program will develop a forestry program in which the children will be trained and through the growing and selling of trees. This will provide for their basic needs and give hope to these orphans and children with disabilities. Cost \$13,000



CHAD



In Chad, Thank you for all that you have done in building schools and helping build their first church in the Vincentian parish. They have worked hard in building their church, but could use help with furnishing (altar, pews, lectern, etc.) To finish this project, they need only \$7,500.



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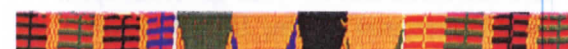


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In Ethiopia, a Vincentian priest is building two small homes for widows and their children. Because of the severe draught and extreme poverty there, they need our help. The cost for these two homes is only \$3,500. *Please show mercy and give hope.*



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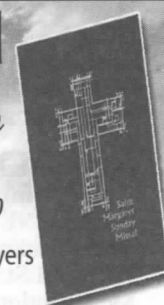
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